International Institute of Indology and Classical Languages

355. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme under Government's consideration for setting up of International Institute of Indology and Classical Languages; and

(b) if so, what is its outline and broad features?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This Institute will take up studies and researches to enable scholars to find out the root of common world culture in Indian and foreign classical literature and to promote the same in this contemporary world.

Promotion of Sindhi Language and Literature

356. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 313 given in the Rajya Sabha on 16th March, 1988 and state what are the specific schemes and activities which are supposed to be looked after by the Cell in the Central Hindi Directorate for promotion of Sindhi Language and Literature?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): The following specific schemes and activities are being looked after by the Sindhi Unit in the Central Hindi Directorate:

(i) Production of Standard Literature in Sindhi.

(ii) Award of Prizes to Sindhi Writers.

(iii) Bulk Purchase of Sindhi Books for Free distribution to Public/College/School Libraries etc.

(iv) Organisation of Neo-Sindhi Writers' workshops.

(v) Organisation of National Seminars on Language and Literature and great Poets and Writers.

(vi) Financial Assistance for Publication Programmes.

(vii) Financial Assistance for selected Promotional activities relating to Sindhi Language and Literature.

(viii) Research Projects.

Privatisation of D.T.C. Routes

357. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give some routes of D.T.C. in Delhi to private bus operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) Private buses already ply in Delhi including those under the administrative control of DTC. To meet the growing traffic demand in Delhi, one of the measures under consideration is to permit operation of private buses on selected routes under STA permits. The modalities of the scheme have not been worked out.